Price of ethanol

2773. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 720 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th November, 2002 and state:

(a) whether ethanol blended petrol will be priced lower from the petrol being sold at present; and

(b) whether ethanol blended petrol will contravene the effluent norms being followed at present in New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The prices of ethanol blended petrol would depend on the respective prices of ethanol and petrol in the market and on the taxes and duties levied.

(b) No, Sir.

Supply of CNG to industries

†2774. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1467 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd December, 2002 and state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to protect these industries from closure so far; and

(b) by when full supply of natural gas is expected for these industries which are operated on natural gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) As per the terms of the contract between GAIL and consumers concerned the fall-back supplies are purely on temporary basis subject to availability of natural gas and the consumers have to maintain dual fuel facilities. Therefore, these industries could operate on alternate fuel.

Supply of natural gas may be released to these industries when re-gasified Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) would be available from Dahej LNG Terminal from year 2004-05.

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